

Some shops still open at Don Mills Centre

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The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) approved Cadillac Fairview's site plan control application Wednesday, which dealt with layout and landscape design for the new outdoor mall at the intersection of Don Mills Road and Lawrence Avenue.

"Needless to say, we are disappointed and saddened that this project has received approval," said Simone Gabbay, who has collected over 5,000 signatures from individuals opposed to the outdoor mall concept.

The Don Mills Centre closed Wednesday to make way for construction for the outdoor mall, scheduled for completion in August 2008.

But residents living in the area will be able to access some shops and services during the redevelopment phase of the Don Mills Centre.

Dominion, CIBC, Shoppers Drug Mart and Anthony's Restaurant will remain open and in the same locations throughout the expected two-year construction job.

Cadet Cleaners will remain open until it relocates to 1090 Don Mills Rd. and Ko's Linens will relocate to 49 The Donway.

Don Mills Quality Shoe Repair will remain open until June 30 and then relocate to 1090 Don Mills Rd. Pizza Pizza will also remain open until June 30 before moving to 49 The Donway and Home Hardware will move to 49 The Donway July 1 and will remain open until Sept. 30.

Free shuttle bus service will be offered between Don Mills Centre and Fairview Mall starting June 15. The bus will run in a continual loop Monday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Passengers will be picked up and dropped off by the bus stop on Don Mills Road in the parking lot opposite Dominion. The bus will also stop at E.P. Taylor Place, 875 Don Mills Rd., to pick up and return passengers. Full shuttle bus details will be posted at www.donmillscentre.ca.